

Entimations.

Hongkong, 14th July 1991

THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

The annual reports on the Hongkong Volunteer Corps are published in the *Gazette*. Major-General Gascoigne, in forwarding the Commandant's report on the training for the season of 1898-99 writes:—

"I made the annual inspection of the Corps on March 30th. There were very few absences, the men turned out well, their arms and equipment clean, their drill good. I was therefore pleased with the inspection. But previous to the inspection I had given several opportunities to the Corps to turn out at their own hour, to act in conjunction with the Regular Troops, and I confess that I was disappointed at finding that comparative small numbers availed themselves of the opportunity presented to them."

"I think that perhaps there had sprung up a feeling that the services of the Hongkong Volunteers were not as highly appreciated as, at any rate, do rate and appreciate the importance of their services in this Colony."

"Seeing this, I took the opportunity of placing Colonel Mainwaring, Commandant and Royal Welch Fusiliers in temporary Command, in place of Major Sir John Carrington, who had gone on leave."

"The result of the energy displayed by this officer is already most apparent, and I look forward to increased efficiency and strength during this forthcoming year. It will be my duty, as it is my pleasure, to encourage this to the utmost of my ability."

"I would call special attention to my previous letters respecting the advisability of hastening the issue of the already approved small arms, and also that the Maxims and 7-pounder guns shall be replaced by more modern weapons."

"H.E. the Governor, replying to General Gascoigne, writes:—

"I am glad to find so favourable a report and I fully appreciate the interest taken in the force by Your Excellency and the energy shown by Colonel Mainwaring."

ROYAL WELCH FUSILIERS' GYMKHANA.

The following is the programme of a gymkhana meeting, to be held on the Happy Valley on Saturday next, given by the officers of the Royal Welch Fusiliers. The band of the regiment will be in attendance.

EVENTS.

1.—4.45 P.M. SADDLE.—For all China ponies, round a post and home. Catch weights; distance, half a mile, on a furrow, each way. No whips or spurs. Entrance, \$1.

2.—P.G. STICKING.—To be run in heats of four.

3.—LADIES' NOMINATION.—Gentlemen to ride ponies; Ladies bicycles, by different routes, to table, each will make a button-hole from flowers provided, and return the way they came, each wearing the button hole made by the other.

Each Gentlemen to dismount at given post and finish on foot with his nominator, 4 points for button hole; 6, 4 and 2 points for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

4.—HURDLE RACE, for all China ponies. Catch weights over 11st. 5lb. Winners of a Steeplechase, this season's Gymkhana, 7lb. extra. Entrance, \$2.

5.—ELEPHANT SCREEN RACE.—No whips or spurs allowed.

6.—CRACKER RACE.—Ladies' nomination. Gentlemen to ride to a table, dismount and get a cracker, take it back to his nominator, who will hang it on a pole and light it. First cracker burnt out, wins. Crackers, poles and matches provided.

NOTICES AND CONDITIONS.

1.—First and Second prizes for each event will be provided by Officers, Royal Welch Fusiliers, except Nos. 2 and 5, where there will be no second prize.

2.—No post entries will be accepted on any account.

3.—The decision of the Committee on all matters to be final.

4.—All races will be run under rules of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

5.—Entrance close, to Captain Rickman, Royal Welch Fusiliers, Murray Barracks at 4 p.m. on Monday 17th July, 1899. No entrance fees, except where noted. Fees must accompany entry.

6.—Four runners in each race or event will be declared valid.

THE PLAQUE.

Cases reported to 15th instant 1,251

Do. do. during past 24 hours 7

Total 1,258

Deaths reported to 15th instant 1,187

Do. do. during past 24 hours 8

Total 1,195

Cases reported to 16th instant 1,258

Do. do. during past 24 hours 8

Total 1,266

Deaths reported to 16th instant 1,195

Do. do. during past 24 hours 8

Total 1,203

SHANGHAI AND THE NORTH.

(From Our Exchanges)

The German Minister.

A native dispatch says that the new German Minister, Baron von Ketteler, intends shortly to make his residence at Peking during the summer months.

The Shanghai Tailors' Strike.

In connection with the tailors' strike nothing further had developed, at date of last mail advice and the majority of the workmen were still out. At the second meeting nothing was decided, and the matter was at a standstill.

New Barracks in Peking.

The erection of barracks at the Southern Park, Peking, for Jung Lee's new troops is being pushed forward with all haste, as the tents, in which the men are now housed are found unbearable this weather.

Lotteries in Tientsin.

Lotteries have been increasingly prevalent in Tientsin of late, a serious disturbance occurring in a Chinese theatre there a few days ago, and the theatre has been closed in consequence. The Viceroy is investigating the lottery question thoroughly.

Peking Improvements.

The macadamizing of Legation Street, Peking, has been successfully carried out, with the exception of the portion near the Italian Legation which will not be completed until the 25th.

conservative official who resolutely declines to permit any new fangled interference with the road-way.

The Board of Rites.

The old President of the Board of Rites, now Viceroy of Fukien, Hsu Ying-kuei, has been notified of the Empress Dowager's desire to appoint him a member of the Grand Council. The Governor of Chekiang has been mentioned as a probable successor to his present post.

The Dowager and Reform.

Reports are current that the Empress Dowager has discovered that her nephew Jung Lu has deceived her concerning the merits of Kang Yu-wei's schemes for reform, and she has demanded to see Kang Yu-wei's documents for herself. His publications to the value of some T'ien 3,000 have been sent up to Peking from Tientsin and Shanghai.

Transfer of Governors.

Lu Chinlin, Governor of Kwang-tung, and Te Shon, Governor of Kiangsu, have been ordered to exchange posts, and are desired to hasten to their posts without presenting themselves at Peking for audience.

The Taichow Rebellion.

A native paper says that owing to the local rebellion in Taichow, Chinkiang, five companies of troops have been dispatched there to put down the rebels. These fought with the troops several times but were worsted with great loss. The affected districts are now placed under strict military surveillance.

Proposed Portuguese Legation.

The *Universal Gazette* states that Portugal has been for some time past negotiating with the Chinese Government with a view to establishing a Legation at Peking. It is now stated that the 16th of June, a Minister has been appointed and he will shortly proceed to Peking to present an autograph letter to the Emperor.

A Swimming Bath for Tientsin.

Much interest has been aroused in Tientsin, by the issue a few days since of an express announcing the formation of a Swimming Bath Club, \$5,000 being already subscribed for the purpose. This has been a long felt want in Tientsin, and a luxury hitherto impossible on account of the water supply. This difficulty now being ended, Tientsin folks hope to very shortly see the ground generously reserved for the purpose being devoted to this healthy and invigorating recreation.

The Americans at Hankow.

The *Shanghai Daily Press* has it on reliable authority that there is no foundation for the report that an American Concession at Hankow is being arranged. There was movement as to a Concession at Amoy at the time the Japanese demand was made, but nothing has been mooted as to any separate settlement at Hankow.

The Kinder Persecution.

It is reported that Mr. Kinder's well-known interpreter, Mr. G. K. Chow has been dismissed, and Mr. Luk Hsien-shen, Secretary of the Railway Office appointed in his place. The story runs that Mr. Chow translated something said by Mr. Kinder not wisely but so well, and omitted to wrap it up in precisely the phraseology demanded by Chinese etiquette. But as stories go, we (P. & T. Times) cannot pretend to say whether this is true. Neither can we vouch for the fact that Mr. Luk will really succeed Mr. Chow; he has however proceeded to Tangshan under orders to try.

Banditti at Moukden.

The *Universal Gazette* states that recently mounted banditti infested places to the north of Moukden. Towns and villages are looted and women are violated. On the tip of bringing the matter before the authorities an officer was sent there with some soldiers, who only fled to a distance on meeting the banditti who poured volleys on them. The same night these desperadoes made merry and were drunk over their victory, leisurely going about their looting as usual. The officer returned and reported that he had achieved a great success, thereby getting reward while the villages he passed over were completely desolated.

Hydrographic Notice.

A notice is issued by the acting Coast Inspector, Mr. W. Ferd. Tyler, that the lately discovered Kaiser Rock, situated to the westward of Ogo Island, Samsal Bay, has been marked by a black conical buoy. The buoy is moored in 17 fathoms of water at low water of spring tides, and lies about half a cable N.W. from the rock. Inwardbound vessels must pass this buoy on their port hand. From the rock the eastern end of Santu bears N. 22° E. and the northern end of Cone Island bears S. 54° E. At low water of spring tides, the depth of water over the rock is about 4 feet. The bearings given are magnetic.

IN THE PHILIPPINES.

(From Manila Papers.)

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.

Scenes about Manila yesterday were of a very gay and festive nature and every American was celebrating the anniversary of the "Glorious Fourth" with great enthusiasm and patriotic feeling. Several independent programmes had been arranged to take place at different times during the day. The streets of Manila presented a gay and festive appearance, everywhere the American colors, flashed out their message of liberty, equality and fraternity. Here and there to the British flag intermingled its folds with those of America, foretelling a day when the blood of the Anglo-Saxon, as well as the glowing color of their flags, would be intermingled in some deadly struggle for the upholding of their mutual principles of justice and liberty.

In the Esplanade the decorations were especially brilliant. From every building an array of gorgeous flags fluttered in the breeze, while many places the householders had gone further and added a tasteful display of evergreen. One of the best decorated establishments was the large public dispensary of San Miguel Beer, but unfortunately for the proprietors of that popular soldiers' resort, their business during the morning was somewhat interrupted by some of the boys who had become somewhat overcome by the day's festivities, turning the interior, which was so very elegantly decorated, into a great garden by starting a fireworks display between drinks. For their own protection the managers were obliged to call in the police, who cleared the place and the establishment was obliged to close up for some time in order to repair damages and clear up the mess the boys made with their crackers.

Philippine troops seemed to enter into the spirit of the occasion and seemed to have no objection

to the American flag. On one quill we noticed that a desire had been shown, too, to accommodate all parties. So the American, insurgent and Spanish flags shared equally the honors of the occasion, though we don't know whether there was anything significant in their distribution, so arranged as to suggest that America led and the others followed. The day as a whole may justly be designated as an epoch in the Philippines.

AT SAN FERNANDO.

SAN FERNANDO, July 5th. The insurgent forces surrounding San Fernando, evidently realizing that the troops were not supplied with provisions for the proper celebration of the "Glorious Fourth," endeavored to supply the deficiency by furnishing small celebration in the way of a night attack.

About 10 o'clock p.m. the Pagalos opened up a brisk fire on the outskirts of the 12th and 17th United States Infantry and the 51st Iowa. The reserve was hurried to the front and all preparations made to give the enemy a warm reception. After about two hours of firing interspersed with wild yells from the dusky warriors, quiet was restored and the troops lay down to rest.

These attacks are becoming more frequent. It is evident that the intention of the enemy is simply to harass and torment our troops by these feints, causing the garrison to be awakened and the reserve to march to the outskirts. With outpost duty every second or third day these night attacks are intervening diversions. Service at San Fernando is not exactly a bed of roses.

AN EXHIBITION OF SPANISH GRIT.

Manila, July 7th. Lieutenant Martinez and twenty-two Spanish soldiers who have held the little fortress of Baler, on the East coast of Luzon, against the insurgents for over a year, came into town yesterday. They met with a hearty reception, as may well be understood, in view of what they have accomplished.

For a little band of men like that to hold out all these long, weary months without assistance, absolutely cut off from the outside world, is fit to be placed side by side in history with the deeds of the Greeks at Thermopylae, and the British at Rorke's Drift.

This little Baler station has been the scene of a desperate display of dogged determination, which has been thrown more rigidly into prominence by the feebleness of the fighting that has characterized the whole of the Philippine war. In no place during the war was there any such prolonged resistance to superior force, and Lieutenant Martinez and his gallant little band have shown what can be done by pluck and resolution.

After being absolutely certain that there was nothing to be gained by holding Baler any longer, since Spain had withdrawn from the Islands, Lieutenant Martinez and his men agreed to give up the place, marching out with all the honors of war—and all honor they do deserve.

Their journey across country to Manila has been an ovation from end to end, and their arrival here by train last night was a most affecting scene. A large number of Spanish residents in Manila went to meet them, and their joy in meeting their compatriots, when they had almost been given up for lost, was touching in the extreme. Great bearded men embraced each other, kissing and crying like children, laughter and tears intermingling in the joy of a glorious reunion.

AGUINALDO ALIVE AND WELL.

The band of heroes was accompanied by the Commissioners, who have just come in from the insurgent lines, and who have been treating for the release of the Spanish prisoners held by Aguinaldo. They report that the story passed through from the rebel lines, concerning the death of this worthy, is altogether incorrect, as they can vouch for the fact that they left him alive and well, and apparently as determined as ever to carry on the war to the bitter end. Their mission has been so far effective that they have secured the release of all the civil prisoners, in addition to that of all those who are sick or suffering from the effects of wounds they have received during the war. Of course, the reason is obvious. The sick and wounded are, naturally, useless, whilst those who have health and strength can be utilized by the rebels in their further struggles.

FROM THE INTERIOR OF LUZON.

Many people are coming into Manila from the provinces of Bataan, Pampanga and Tarlac in order to be away from the seat of war, and from them it is learned that the state of anarchy which had previously prevailed is now at an end.

The Filipinos have again removed their seat of government to Tarlac without any further change among the heads of the different departments. Mr. Quer is the War Department.

We are fully informed that, with the death of General Luna, certain signs of enmity and animosity which formerly divided the rebels into two opposing parties have completely disappeared and the whole insurgent army to-day recognizes no other supreme head being Aguinaldo.

Benjamin Garcia has been nominated chief of the staff substituting Ambrosio Flores, who is to-day the War Secretary. The second chief of the staff is Colonel Siliy, and the chief in charge of the military quarters at the Presidency is Brigadier-General Maximino Hizon, ably seconded by Colonel Leyba.

The Spanish Commissioners, who were charged to negotiate with the Filipinos for the release of the Spanish prisoners still in their hands, were very kindly treated and the revolutionary Government, in their turn, nominated a Commission to meet the Spanish one and to discuss the matter. The Spanish Commission returned to Manila yesterday with the brave defenders of Baler, who were warmly received at every village they passed.

THE "NARCISSUS" AND THE SEA SERPENT.

From the log of H.M.S. *Narcissus* date May 21st.

"Observed a sea monster on the port bow, certainly over 150 ft. in length; apparently propelled by large fins, and lying very low in the water."

The *Narcissus* recently returned to Portsmouth from the China station, and this monster—the sea serpent as the men call it—was seen off Cape Falcon on the African coast on the homeward journey.

The signalman on duty, taking it to be a derelict, reported it as being about a mile off to Lieutenant Boothby, officer of the watch, who having examined it, came to the conclusion—so it is said—that it was a serpent swimming in the direction the ship was going.

The officer reported the matter to Commander Napier, who however took no notice. Lieutenant Boothby, however, and two signalmen, who made the observations, were so firmly convinced about the matter that the above entry was made in the log.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

Captain Calder, of the steamship *Mongkut*, from Koh-si-chang, reports—Strong S.W. monsoon.

Captain Jenkins, of the steamship *Pakshan*, from Saigon, reports—Strong monsoon and occasional heavy rain.

Capt. T. Schulz, of the *Loonhooon* from Shanghai, reports—Light Southerly wind throughout and high S.E. swell.

Capt. G. H. Bowker, of the *Cheoyang* from Wuhu and Chinkiang, reports—Light wind and clear to breaker Port. Thence heavy rain squalls and big Southerly swell to Port.

Captain Rolfe, of the steamship *Yensang*, from Manila, reports—Fresh S.W. breeze and rough sea for first 24 hours out, from thence fine and clear, moderate breeze and sea from the S.W. with passing clouds and occasional squalls.

Capt. A. J. Robson, of the *Haibong* from Swatow reports—Light to fresh southerly winds, heavy S.W. swell and cloudy weather with occasional rain. Vessels in Swatow—s.s. *Wuhu*, *Tientsin*, *Kavellin*, *Kongwai*, *Pakhoi*, *Charterhouse*, and *Nanyang*.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

Meteorological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1898.

Barometer 29.738
Thermometer 81.6
Humidity 83.0
Rainfall 14.210

TO-DAY.
WEATHER REPORT.
On date at 10 a.m. On date at 4 p.m.
Sun-Rises 5.40
Sets 6.40
High water—Morning 5.40
Afternoon 5.40
Low water—Morning 5.40
Afternoon 5.40

TO-DAY.
Monday, 17th July, 1899.

Chinese—10th of 6th moon of 25th year of Kwang-sai.

Sun-Rises 5.40
Sets 6.40
High water—Morning 5.40
Afternoon 5.40
Low water—Morning 5.40
Afternoon 5.40

ANNIVERSARIES.

1856—Geyer, the Dutch Envoy, received in Peking as bearer of tribute.

1870—France declared war against Prussia.

1897—Inspector Whitchell charged at the Police Court with receiving bribes.

1898—Serious riots in French Concession, Shanghai, 17. Ningpo Josephine. Constitution suspended throughout Spain.

TO-MORROW.

Tuesday, 18th July, 1899.

Chinese—11th of 6th moon of 25th year of Kwang-sai.

Sun-Rises 5.40
Sets 6.40
High water—Morning 5.40
Afternoon 5.40
Low water—Morning 5.40
Afternoon 5.40

ANNIVERSARIES.

1842—The Imperial Canal blockaded by the British fleet.

1872—Attempted assassination of the King and Queen of Spain.

1876—Loan Act Exhibition held in the City Hall, Hongkong.

1880—Earthquake in Manila; 10 lives lost and much damage done.

1885—Additional Article to the Chefoo Convention signed in London.

1898—United States formally annex Hawaii.

AGENDA.

TO-MORROW.

Transfer Books of the Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. closed till 31st inst.

Transfer Books of the Hongkong Ice Co. closed till 26th inst.

10 a.m.—Criminal Sessions; Un Loong murder case.

Noon.—P. M. s.s. *China* sails for San Francisco.

3 p.m.—Auction sale of Howard's Godowns.

4 p.m.—V.R.C. Aquatic Sports.

WEDNESDAY, 19th.

N. D. L. s.s. *Bayern* sails for Europe.

Noon.—C. P. R. s.s. *Empress of Japan* sails for Victoria B.C.

3 p.m.—General Meeting of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd.

THURSDAY, 20th.

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C. & O. s.s. *Carmarthenshire* sails for San Francisco.

SATURDAY, 22nd.

Transfer Books of the Hongkong Land Investment Co. Ltd. closed till 25th inst.

Noon.—P. & O. s.s. *Ballaarat* sails for Europe.

N. P. s.s. *Monmouthshire* sails for Portland Or.

R.V.F. Gymkhana at Happy Valley.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

Tacoma (*Tacoma*) to-morrow.

German (*Bayern*) to-morrow.

English (*Paranatta*) 21st.

Indian (*Chelidra*) 21st inst.

German (*Prins Heinrich*) 25th inst.

Canadian (*Empress of China*) 2nd prox.

American (*City of Rio de Janeiro*) 4th prox.

American (*Nippon Maru*) 6th prox.

The steamer *Olympia* arrived at Tacoma from Japan and Hongkong on the 15th inst.

The steamer *Chelidra* from Calcutta and Straits left Singapore for this port on Saturday 15th inst. and 5 p.m.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's s.s. *Atlantic* arrived at Vancouver on Friday 14th instant at 11 p.m.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Bayern* left Eopoh yesterday 13th inst. and is due here to-morrow at daylight.

The N. G. I. steamer *Domenico Baldino* left Bombay for this port on Saturday the 15th instant and is due here on or about the 3rd August.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Paranatta* left Singapore for this port on the 16th inst. at 4 p.m. with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 21st inst. at about 9 a.m.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

Isla de Cuba at Kowloon Dock.

Isla de Luzon " "

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H.M.S. *Grafton* " "

Haibong " "

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Outward—23rd June—*Benvenne*, 27th June—*Needles*, 30th June—*Formosa*, *Trieste*, *Alexia*, *Kronberg*, 31st July—*Pilgrim*, *Saratov*, 7th July—*Ernest Simons*, *Biagui*, 11th July—*Benmor*, *Kheron*, *Saxonia*, 14th July—*Canton*, *Pyrhus*, *Salazie*, *Pisa*, *Slobberg*, Homeward—14th July—*Laos*.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

CHOYANG, British str., 1,494, G. H. Bowker, 15th July, Wuhu 9th July, and Chinkiang 11th, General—Jard

Intimations.

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KAMAKURA MARU N. Trenn	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANT- WERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	THURSDAY, 27th July, at 4 P.M.
*KINSHU MARU W. Brady	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A. VIA KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	THURSDAY, 27th July, at 4 P.M.
YAWATA MARU A. E. Moses	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNS- VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, and MELBOURNE.	FRIDAY, 28th July, at 4 P.M.

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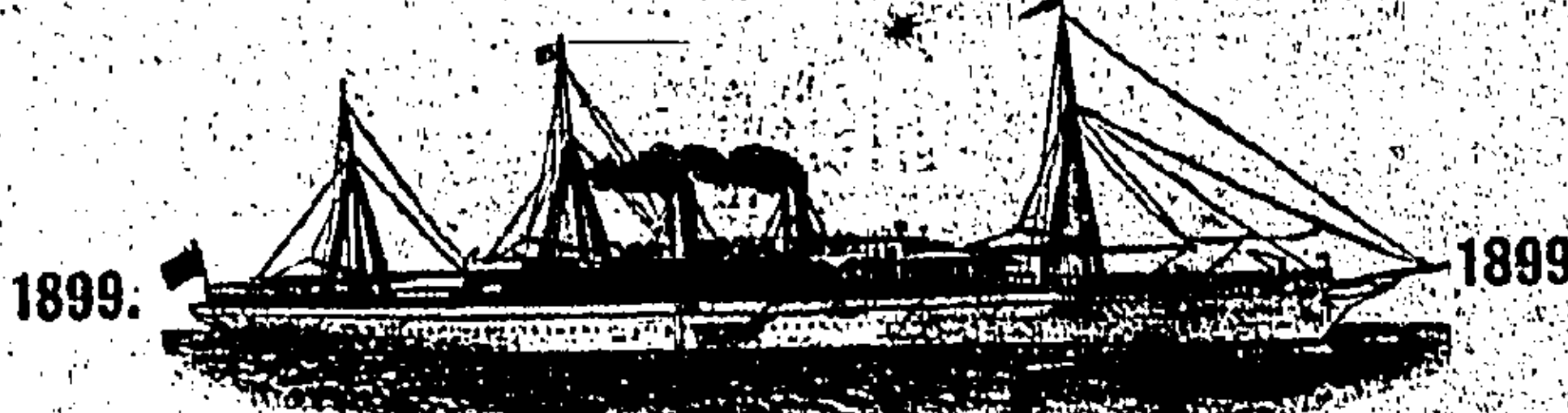
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EMPEROR OF INDIA. Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 19th Aug., 1899.
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

NIPPON MARU (via
Shanghai, Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea,
Yokohama & Hono-
lulu) Thursday, 3rd Aug.
at Noon.

AMERICA MARU (via
Shanghai, Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea,
Yokohama & Hono-
lulu) Tuesday, 29th Aug.
at Noon.

HONGKONG MARU (via
Shanghai, Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea,
Yokohama & Hono-
lulu) Saturday, 23rd Sept.
at Noon.

THE Steamship
"NIPPON MARU"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND
SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on
THURSDAY, the 3rd August, at Noon, taking
Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United
States, and Europe.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 15th July, 1899. [131a]

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SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
E. RICKMERS	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 5th August.
H. Jacobs	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 5th August.
*SILESIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 17th August.
Belien	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 17th August.
WITTENBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 31st August.
Madsen	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 31st August.
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* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Calling at NAPLES for Passengers only, if sufficient inducement offers.

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

China (via Shanghai,
Nagasaki, Kobe, In-
land Sea, Yokohama
and Honolulu) To-morrow, 18th July,
at Noon.

City of Peking (via
Shanghai, Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea,
Yokohama & Hono-
lulu) Saturday, 12th Aug.
at Noon.

City of Peking (via
Shanghai, Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea,
Yokohama & Hono-
lulu) Thursday, 7th Sept.
at Noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship
"CHINA"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO,
via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, IN-
LAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU,
TO-MORROW, the 18th July, at Noon,
taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the
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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 22nd July, 1899. [131a]

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HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO,
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
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Taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan Ports
and HONOLULU, the United States, and
MEXICO, CENTRAL and SOUTH AMERICA, &c.
Carmarthenshire 1,295 tons, about 1st July 30
Columbia 3,001 tons, about 1st Aug. 15
Thyrsanthe 3,466 tons, about 1st Sept. 15
Belgian King 3,379 tons, about 1st Oct. 15

THE Steamship
"CARMARTHENSIRE"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO and
SAN DIEGO, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE,
YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on about
the 24th instant.

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

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THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT
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N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH
BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRIN-
CIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Bayern Wednesday | 19th July.
Prinz Heinrich Wednesday | 16th Aug.

Preussen Wednesday | 13th Sept.
Sachsen Wednesday | 11th Oct.

Bayern Wednesday | 8th Nov.
König Albert Wednesday | 13th Dec.

Prinz Heinrich Wednesday | 27th Dec.
Preussen Wednesday | 10th Jan.

Karlsruhe Wednesday | 24th Jan.
Sachsen Wednesday | 7th Feb.

Hamburg Wednesday | 21st Feb.
Bayern Wednesday | 7th Mar.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 19th day of July,
1899, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship
"HAYERN," Captain E. Prehn, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and
CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling
at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on
Monday, the 17th July. Cargo and Specie
will be received on board until 3 P.M. on
Tuesday, the 18th July, and Parcels will
be received at the Agency's Office until NOON
on Tuesday, the 18th July. Contents of
Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts
will be signed for less than \$5.00 and Parcels
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The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.
Linen can be washed on board.

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Hongkong, 21st June, 1899. [318a]

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JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,
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THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Doric (via Shanghai,
Nagasaki, Kobe, In-
land Sea, Yokohama
and Honolulu) Wednesday, 26th July,
at Daylight.

Galle (via Shanghai,
Nagasaki, Kobe, In-
land Sea, Yokohama
and Honolulu) Tuesday, 22nd Aug.
at Noon.

Galle (via Shanghai,
Nagasaki, Kobe, In-
land Sea, Yokohama
and Honolulu) Saturday, 16th Sept.
at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship
"DORIC"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, IN-
LAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONO-
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BY THE MAIL.

THE TRANSVAAL.

The Jameson Raid Damages.

The correspondence relating to the claim of the Transvaal Government for damages arising out of the Jameson Raid was issued on the 12th ult. as a blue-book. President Kruger persists in his demand for a million sterling as compensation for "moral and intellectual damages." The South Africa Company were willing, upon the receipt of vouchers, to submit dispirited points to arbitration, and actually did make an offer which Mr. Chamberlain considered reasonable. The correspondence extends from December, 1895, to last month.

The "Pail Mall's" Opinion.

The Transvaal Government have mistaken their vocation; they should let sea-side lodgings. In piling up "extras" on account of the Jameson Raid they leave the most imaginative landlady at Margate or Southend nowhere. The assignment of £1,049,000, to George Suthers and Co. for "necessaries" is a masterpiece of genius. In the first place, necessities are ever so much more convincing than sundries, and the solitary penny guarantees careful arithmetic down to the uttermost farthing. "Medicine for prisoners" only cost the modest amount of £1 14s. 6d. On the other hand they ought to have fired more sumptuously than at Claridge's. One S. Gillingham received £3,327 12s. 10d. for "provisions for prisoners." The items presented when Mr. Chamberlain asked for full particulars of expenditure, and the list of the language of some of the despatches far exceeds the bounds of courtesy. The Transvaal Government have not strengthened their following in this country by behaving like quarrelsome horse-dealers at a fair.

Oom Paul's Franchise Proposals.

President Kruger's new franchise proposals were laid before the Transvaal Raad on the 12th ult. in the form of a draft law with a preamble declaring the necessity of altering the method of obtaining the full franchise to be urgent. There are several alterations from the President's Bloemfontein memorandum. The income qualification is reduced to £200 instead of £200, the renunciation clause in the oath is expanded, and the approval of a two-thirds majority deleted. Young men not born in the State whose fathers are naturalized have the status of their fathers and must register themselves with the Field Cornet in their sixteenth year. No one who is not considered as belonging to the white population of the Republic can obtain the franchise by the terms of Article 9 of the Grundwet. All stipulations of laws in conflict with this law are repealed. The other stipulations are similar to those made by the President at Bloemfontein.

The Dynamite Monopoly.

Mr. John Westlake, in a letter to the *Manchester Guardian*, deals in a very clear and direct manner with the question of the Dynamite Monopoly in the Transvaal. Upon the terms of Article 14 of the Convention he comes unhesitatingly to the conclusion that they do not prohibit the creation of monopolies by the State to be worked either directly or through an agent, and in this view he is in accord with Mr. Chamberlain himself. The latter, in his dispatch of January, 1899, however, stated the condition that the concession must be "intended in good faith to benefit the State generally and not simply to favour the concessionaire." Mr. Westlake expresses his inability to understand how "a monopoly which is not an anti-foreign preference, nor a breach of the Convention, constitutes a breach because it gives the foreign agents working the monopoly too favourable terms." He is bound to say that there seems to be considerable force in this argument.

The latter portion, however, of Mr. Westlake's letter is of special interest and importance as an expression of his views on the question as the Professor of International Law at Cambridge. He very justly remarks that "in international questions, as there is no judge to appeal to, it is more important even than in domestic questions that documents shall be interpreted in a clear and simple way." If an agreement between two States is to be used permitting this or prohibiting that, it is absurd and misleading to talk about intentions. The safest course is to stand by the words used, and to give them their natural construction. As Mr. Westlake justly remarks, "to read in a qualification about intention is to make a trap and a means of creating differences, instead of a means of settling differences, which an agreement ought to be." Mr. Reitz was not over-pole in his reply to Mr. Chamberlain, but he could have expressed himself in courteous terms, he would probably have used Mr. Westlake's language and logic.

Curious Incident at the Peace Conference.

An extraordinary incident occurred yesterday, says the *Daily News*, of the 13th ult., at the meeting of Presidents of Sections, MM. Kameboke, De Martens, Asser, Beaumier, Bourgeois, and De Staal, who was, of course, in the chair. The question before the meeting was the expediency of giving sanction to the press and to the European and American public by communicating reports of meetings to journalists. Mr. Beaumier rising to speak, and addressing M. de Staal in a pointed manner, about which, none, least of all M. de Staal, could be mistaken, said that publicity might as well be granted. "Documents had come out in the newspapers, and some of these documents," said Mr. Beaumier, "looking the chairman 'fall at the feet of the President and beg for pardon' from M. de Staal, but he would not believe that feeling sure that visitors to the Old Doon Hotel were all for two homes, to stop to see M. de Staal received this remark in silence. The meeting decided that the President of every section be empowered, on his own responsibility, to give any information he thought fit. This result is a great victory for the press. The Conference is threatened with another difficulty through the arrival of Ahmed Riza, editor of the *Mechrovi*, and leader of the Young Turk party, who is expected to lay the grievances of his countrymen before the Conference. It is reported that the Sultan has demanded his expulsion from the Conference.

Anglo-American Relations.

The London Chamber of Commerce has for many years been in close communication with the New York Chamber of Commerce, and is acting in the interests of the United States. Both bodies have, for instance, advised every opportunity of urging upon their respective Governments the desirability of completing the Arbitration Treaty, and both also joined in representations favouring a peaceful solution of the Venezuela boundary question. At the annual meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce in London, the London Chamber of Commerce has been asked to approve of a resolution expressing its sympathy with the American Government in its policy towards the Philippines. The resolution is as follows: "The London Chamber of Commerce, in sympathy with the American Government, expresses its sympathy with the American Government in its policy towards the Philippines." The resolution was carried by a large majority.

upon her Majesty's Government, the desirability of utilizing every opportunity which may present itself for co-operation with the Government of the United States, which would be fully conducive to the maintenance of a feeling of security for the vast commercial and financial connections of the two nations." The Council of the London Chamber subsequently resolved unanimously to invite the president, vice-presidents and committees of the New York Chamber to a dinner on a date to be mutually agreed, in 1900, and in reply to this invitation an affirmative response has just been received, in which the president says: "We rejoice with you in the growth of the mutually friendly relations between our respective Governments. Founded as these are upon mutual respect and a gathering sense of the common mission for civilization to which both countries are alike sincerely pledged, we believe that time alone would suffice to strengthen and cement them. But we are not insensible to the immediate advantages accruing from such occasional and kindly personal intercourse as your hospitable invitation opens to us."

The Situation in the Philippines.

How recent Manila news affects one important section of the American public may be seen by the comments of the very moderate *Philadelphia Ledger*, representing commercial opinion. "General Otis wins one brilliant victory after another, but they seem to be like brilliant fireworks, having no lasting effect. The enemy disappears at one point only to reappear at another. There is little, if any, permanent gain of territory. Nor since Aguinaldo received an ultimatum of unconditional surrender have there been any further overtures for peace. The war drags on its weary length, and there are no signs that it is near an end." Washington telegrams intimate that the President himself is disquieted, while other telegrams, such as the *Times* correspondents from various parts of the country suggest that politicians are getting anxious about the political effect of prolonged indecisive fighting. Others than politicians are perplexed when they are told one day that the Filipinos are incapable of further resistance, and the next day hear that they are fighting the severest battle of the war. Such is one effect of Algerine censorship.

Stormy Scenes in the Spanish Cortes.

MADRID, June 12th.

On the resumption of the sitting of the Chamber, which was suspended last evening owing to the uproar which followed the statement of one of the secretaries of the Chamber, if Senor Moreyria's election were valid he must be admitted, some members of the majority submitted a vote of censure on the Bureau. Senor Silveira, the Premier, begged his supporters to withdraw it, but they declined to do so. It was finally rejected by 165 votes against 34. The Republicans and the Liberals voted with the majority. Much comment was caused by the fact that a number of the Ministerial deputies who were present in the House abstained from voting.

In an article on the debate the *Heraldo* says that in the lobbies of the Chamber a number of deputies who are followers of General Polavieja, Minister of War, made violent accusations against the Premier. "Senor Sagasta declared that never in the course of his parliamentary career had he ever seen anything to equal what occurred in the course of the sitting. Senor Vago de Armiño, another deputy, expressed the opinion that if the President had not left the House some of the members would have struck him with their walking sticks. The *Heraldo* adds that the day will be a sinister one for the Government, and even speaks of a Ministerial crisis. There is, however, no confirmation of such a report.

The Italian General Arrested at Nice.

PARIS, June 13th.

A despatch from Nice to the *Figaro* gives the following details of the arrest of General Giulio di San Giuseppe. "The General" was by rail to Puget-Théniers and Toulet-Buill on the 6th inst., and went over to Moulins de Rigaud military road, which he studied most carefully. After surveying that part of the country, the *Figaro* correspondent says, "and making what was nothing less than a military reconnaissance, he returned to Toulet-Buill, and thence to Nice by train without suspecting that a special commissary had been following him the whole time. The commissary kept at a distance, and watched the General without being seen himself, thus becoming the eyewitness of all the officer did. The General's object seemed to be to study in the most thorough manner possible all the features and strategic points in the Var Valley, from that time he was kept under strict surveillance. On June 7 he again went to Toulet-Buill and Puget-Théniers, and drove towards the Puget Bridge, Rostand, and La Croix. The General Staff map was unfolded before him, and he scanned the country through glasses. He asked for information and afterwards made alterations in the map. On returning to Puget-Théniers he travelled to Nice the same evening by rail. He was just about to leave the station when he was accosted by the commissary, who had been following him, and who requested him to accompany him to his office. Here numerous questions were put to the General, but he refused to give his name or any description of himself, although he handed over to the commissary all the documents he had on him, including his sketch-book, plans, &c. He was released on giving his word of honour that he would not leave Nice. However, the commissary, who had been following him, had no doubt of his intentions to act as spy, and he was re-arrested on Monday evening and taken to prison."

Progress on the Gold Coast.

The latest news from the Gold Coast is satisfactory. Captain Clement left Accra on May 17th at the head of forty men, for the purpose of a tour of inspection. So far, the collection of the hut-tax in the Gold Coast has not given rise to any disturbances. This is attributable to the fact that great care has been exercised by the Political Officers and District Commissioners engaged in the work, and that, unlike what was done in Sierra Leone, recently, liberated domestic slaves have not been given a uniform and placed over their former masters. What the most stupor of the many stupid sections of the general population is, the *Standard* writes, "the Sekondi Railway has been completed for three miles, and is making steady progress. Mr. Robertson, the chief surveyor of the proposed railway from Accra to Kpong, has now fully completed his work, and the line has been entirely surveyed between the two places. It is thought that the actual work of building this second railway will soon be started. Mr. Pong district is known to be very rich in gold, and Mr. Robertson is reported to have discovered that the district is rich in gold. The *Standard* also writes that the *Gold Coast* is making steady progress. Mr. Robertson, the chief surveyor of the proposed railway from Accra to Kpong, has now fully completed his work, and the line has been entirely surveyed between the two places. It is thought that the actual work of building this second railway will soon be started. Mr. Pong district is known to be very rich in gold, and Mr. Robertson is reported to have discovered that the district is rich in gold. The *Standard* also writes that the *Gold Coast* is making steady progress. Mr. Robertson, the chief surveyor of the proposed railway from Accra to Kpong, has now fully completed his work, and the line has been entirely surveyed between the two places. 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